

HOW TO HELP: GUIDE TO HUMANITARIAN GIVING FOR THE HAITI EARTHQUAKE

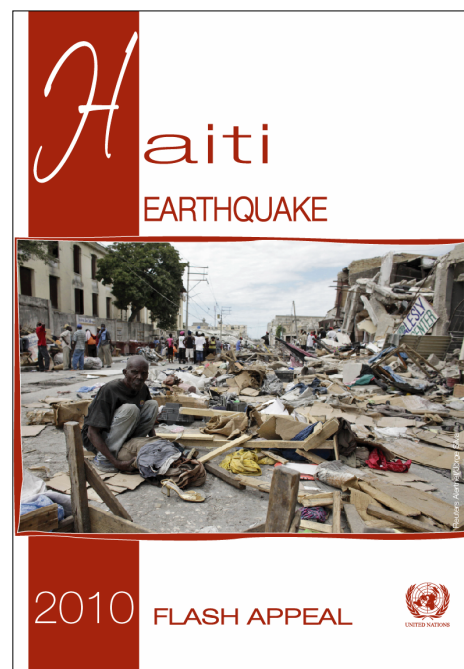
Haiti is facing a humanitarian emergency of catastrophic proportions. The earthquake has hit the most densely populated area of the country. Buildings and infrastructure were heavily damaged throughout the capital. Basic services such as water and electricity have collapsed almost entirely. The number of dead or injured is in the tens of thousands. Medical facilities have been inundated with injured. Survivors need emergency shelter. A prolonged humanitarian operation will be needed to support affected people in the months to come. The Government of Haiti has asked the United Nations to mobilize and coordinate international resources for the emergency response.

Give to the Flash Appeal

The Flash Appeal is a coordinated, strategic response plan developed together by 29 of the major organizations working on the ground. As such, it is the best catalogue of emergency needs. These agencies together need \$575 million to help the estimated 3 million affected people over the next six months. Funding or in-kind resources can go directly to the appealing organizations. **Please click [here](#) for the list of their donation websites.** Click [here](#) to download the Flash Appeal document.

Haiti Flash Appeal: fundraising needs per cluster

Agriculture	\$23,000,000
Camp coordination and camp management	\$1,300,000
Coordination and support services	\$10,487,579
Early recovery	\$41,218,850
Education	\$23,050,000
Emergency shelter and non-food items	\$38,250,000
Emergency telecommunications	\$782,460
Food aid	\$246,039,060
Health	\$34,300,000
Logistics	\$33,527,705
Nutrition	\$48,000,000
Protection	\$16,230,000
Water, sanitation and hygiene	\$58,825,000
Total	\$575,010,654



Click [here](#) to view funding to date for each organization in the Flash Appeal, to help you direct your funding where it is most needed.*

One easy way to give to the Flash Appeal is through the Emergency Relief Response Fund (ERRF) for Haiti. For donors who prefer not to have to choose from among the organizations in the flash appeal, the ERRF is a good

* The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also has a Haiti appeal: click [here](#).

entry point: it will distribute funds to these organizations to fill funding gaps and ensure the most urgent actions have enough resources. OCHA has managed this fund since Haiti's 2008 hurricanes. Most ERRF funds will go to projects in the Flash Appeal. For bank details for transfers to the ERRF, please e-mail rodriguez14@un.org and unas@un.org. Reports on the ERRF expenditure will be posted at www.reliefweb.int/fts and on the OCHA-Haiti website, for public accountability.

Give to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for Haiti and other disasters

The CERF is a global standby fund to help victims of disasters and conflicts around the world. The UN Secretary-General has announced an immediate allocation of \$25 million for Haiti. Because CERF has committed rapidly for Haiti, contributions to CERF have been key to ensuring that CERF can continue to play its worldwide role while continuing to support immediate relief in Haiti on a large scale.

Since its inception in 2006, CERF has channelled nearly US\$1.5 billion to humanitarian projects in more than 70 countries and territories, covering emergencies in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East. OCHA, which manages the CERF, has an agreement with the United Nations Foundation, a 501C3, to receive tax-deductible donations from US tax payers.

To help the CERF help in time, donate at www.rapiddisasterrelief.org.
To learn more about CERF, go to <http://cerf.un.org>.

Engage in Partnerships with the UN through the new UN/Business partnership Gateway

The new UN-Business partnership gateway – business.un.org – allows companies willing to contribute to the UN's work to browse through a vast catalogue of humanitarian needs (including appeals for Haiti relief) and partnership opportunities, or simply to submit ideas for collaboration. Based on shared characteristics, the site flags potential matches to be then connected directly.

The new site marks the first time that a single-entry web interface for business engagement in humanitarian action is available for nearly the entire UN System. The site will be available in all six official UN languages by mid-2010. Currently, it is available in English.

Is it better to give cash or in-kind contributions in these circumstances?

Because of the logistical constraints in Haiti, the United Nations is urging potential donors to give in cash rather than in-kind. At the moment, there is limited capacity for aircraft landing, unloading, warehousing and distribution of goods. Donors who wish to give in-kind relief supplies should ensure that the goods match the needs spelled out in the Flash Appeal. Donors should contact the relevant Cluster (at headquarters or field level) to ask if the goods proposed are of interest to any of the members of the Cluster, and – most importantly – to identify an operational agency or NGO on the ground which would be able to receive the goods upon arrival and distribute them to the population.

Donors should also consult the Global Logistics Cluster, either directly at Global.LogisticsCluster@wfp.org, or through OCHA's Logistics Support Unit at lsu@un.org, to coordinate the flight, which would most likely be destined to the staging area set up in the Dominican Republic, for onward transport to Port-au-Prince.

The UN maintains an on-line database of all humanitarian contributions, cash and in-kind, for Haiti earthquake relief (and indeed all humanitarian situations): the [Financial Tracking Service or FTS](#). To help ensure a full overview of the Haiti funding situation, please e-mail news of your contribution to fts@reliefweb.int. To see funding to date, click [here](#) to go straight to FTS' Haiti page.

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